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that two dams in granite should be constructed, one near Avaneeswarem in the Kananeode canal and the other at Palaman in the Mylam canal, which would irrigate 500 acres of paddy fields lying on both sides of these canals. The Kottarakara people also would be benefited by this. The Member further said that the ryots were even prepared to bear a portion of the expenses.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The need for certain irrigation works in the Vaikom taluk.

Mr. P. C. Krishna Pillai (Member, Vaikom taluk) said that the Kaniyanthodu, a canal which ran through the town of Vaikom, was getting silted up and was overflowing its banks during the rainy weather, causing great destruction to the crops in the fields and to the compounds adjoining it. The condition of another canal called Vallayil Thodu, running through the Vechoor *pakuthi*, was also similar. The Member prayed that these two canals should be deepened and repaired. Another necessary work which the Member urged was the putting up of an embankment in the breach, one mile in length, on the southern side of the Pallanthurai river. The breach had happened 12 years ago, and since then it had been a great menace to the cultivators, in that the crops were destroyed during floods and to the travelling public on account of the road having been washed off. Last year the crops of 4,000 paras of field had been destroyed on account of this breach.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Do. Do. Ambalapuzha taluk.

Mr. S. Parameswara Menon (Member, Ambalapuzha taluk) represented that, for the last 30 years, the flow of brackish water from the Kayenkulam lake was causing serious damage to their fields, especially in the *pakuthies* of Purakad, Ambalapuzha and Alleppey, and that unless and until some remedy was found to check this recurring evil, the fields would become completely barren by the end of four or five years. The Member suggested that (1) all the openings in the Thottapalli Chira be completely closed and a permanent and effective bund be erected, capable enough to obstruct the flow of brackish water, and (2) the outlet from the Kayenkulam lake to the sea be opened in time, say, at least by the end of Meenam. The Member also spoke of the necessity for deepening the canal, 10 miles in length, from Purakad to Chungam at Alleppey, the only canal for the traffic of these places. At present the ryots were put to great difficulties for the transport of their agricultural products through this canal for want of water.

Dewan's reply.—The Government have already given orders about this canal. The estimate is being prepared.

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